



northern territory

Budget 2006

building the territory's future

Fact Sheet

BUILDING OUR GREAT LIFESTYLE INTO THE FUTURE

The Territory Government is investing in the future of all Territorians by building on and enhancing our unique lifestyle.

Budget 2006 builds the future of Territory sport, fishing, the arts, culture, and entertainment. It protects our environment for today, tomorrow and into our children's future

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF RECREATIONAL FISHING

Fishing is the lure of the Territory. This year the budget emphasises support for resource protection and research.

The Government will spend more than \$1 million over three years to buy back fishing licences.

Fisheries research projects include:

- \$161 000 for continuation and enhancement of the world-leading Genetag Project as featured on ABC TV's The Inventors program
- \$96 000 for monitoring of the mud crab fishery to assess changes to the Mud Crab Fishery Management Plan
- supporting the development of a monitoring protocol for the shark fishery
- development of a harvest strategic framework for the NT's major fisheries

THE TERRITORY'S UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

Protecting our environment is an important part of the Territory's future. Budget 2006 delivers on numerous election commitments.

In Alice Springs and Tennant Creek up to \$50 will be provided for subsidising the purchase of water saving devices.

In Darwin the planned development of a Rapid Creek Environment hub will begin.

Budget 2006 also supports:

- \$3.147 million for the continued development of an Environment Protection Agency in the Territory
- \$1 million for the Daly River protection
- \$566 000 for Environment Grants to community based groups
- \$500 000 for Mary River Wetlands desalination works
- \$280 000 to protect the environment from cane toads

The Government will provide a \$30 subsidy for each toad trap purchased.



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- \$120 000 for water monitoring under the Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management
- \$50 000 for Cool Communities projects in Alice Springs

THE TERRITORY'S PARKS

The Territory Government supports 90 parks across the Territory. Budget 2006 provides:

- \$27.454 million for parks. This will support 145 rangers and 37 support staff
- \$5.875 million for the Territory Wildlife Park
- \$5.690 million for the Desert Wildlife Park in Alice Springs

The Government will also deliver on its election commitment to provide \$90 000 for indigenous rangers in the Ntaria area.

WORLD CLASS EVENTS FOR THE TERRITORY

Budget 2006 continues the Territory Government's push to bring world class major events to the Territory.

In 2006-07 the Government will support:

- International Cricket at Marrara in July, 2006
- High quality AFL matches including an August 2006 fixture between the Western Bulldogs and Port Adelaide and an Aboriginal All Stars match

- Around \$2.3 million for the Arafura Games
- \$550 000 for the Alice Springs Masters Games in October 2006
- A National Basketball League match in 2007
- \$1.054 million for V8 Supercars from 30 June 2006 to 2 July 2006

CELEBRATING A MULTICULTURAL TERRITORY

In Budget 2006 the Territory's diversity and multicultural future are supported by:

- \$740 000 for the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Grant
- \$340 000 for the Translating and Interpreting Service
- \$400 000 for the multicultural facilities development program

ARTS AND CULTURE

The arts enliven our community. The Territory has a proud creative tradition and a dynamic creative future. Budget 2006 builds that future by:

- \$5.138 million arts sponsorship which includes Arts NT grants, NT Film Office grants and Public Arts grants
- \$ 8.678 million for the Museum and Art Gallery at Bullocky Point
- \$3.493 million for the Araluen and Alice Springs Arts precinct
- \$3.8 million for 27 Public Libraries
- \$355 000 for the Strehlow Museum
- \$300 000 for the Territory's first Public Art program